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1. The Munition factory in Priner Wald near Gistrow (T98) was one of Nazi Germany's largest and most modern munitions factories. It was built underground, and there was a German Army depot in the forest nearby. At the end of the war the Germans blew up the most important parts of the installations, but great quantities of arms and other materiel fell into the hands of the Russians. The Russians destroyed a part of the captured materiel, and employed a crew of about 400 workers to sort and clean the rest, which was sent to Russia.
2. The work of sorting and cleaning was finished some time ago, and the factory is again producing munitions, chiefly Panzerfaust, hand grenades, mines and percussion caps. About 600 of the factory personnel are Russian, and large quantities of food and clothing for their use are stored in the warehouses. The munitions storage bunkers are full, and the surplus products are taken out by train about once a week. The trains are run by German personnel with Russian guards as far as Eberswalde (V8), and from there toward Tempelin (U81), presumably headed for the ammunition depots at Schorfheide (U80), by Russian train personnel. There is a Russian school for technical personnel at the factory.

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